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After the abstract, please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing (on 7 sheets) submitted herewith.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to incorporate the paper copy of the sequence listing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c). A marked up version of the replacement paragraphs of the specification showing the amendments made is attached as Exhibit A, and a clean version of the replacement paragraphs of the specification is attached as Exhibit B.

The specification has amended to incorporate sequence identifiers pursuant to § 1.821(d). Applicants submit that the above-made amendments are fully supported in the instant application as originally filed, and do not constitute new matter. Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments be entered into the file history of the instant application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file history of the above-identified application.

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A: MARKED UP VERSION OF THE SPECIFICATION

(U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/489,873; ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 9142-006-999)

On page 67, please amend the paragraph beginning “While antisense”, as follows:

While antisense nucleotides complementary to the Ob or ObR coding region sequence could be used, those complementary to the transcribed untranslated region are most preferred. For example, antisense oligonucleotides to the ObR coding region having the following sequences can be utilized in accordance with the invention:

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